



COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

**City of San Diego
Sixth District**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2003

TO: City Manager Michael Uberuaga, City Attorney Casey Gwinn

FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye *Donna Frye*

SUBJECT: Warning Statement Regarding Mission Bay Landfill

As you may know, I am Chair of the Mission Bay Technical Advisory Committee. The Committee, consisting of a broad base of interested citizens and technical experts, is investigating the closed Mission Bay landfill to determine if the landfill is negatively impacting public health and/or the environment.

The Committee is concerned about the public's knowledge of the closed landfill and any potential harm it may cause to citizen's who use the South Shores area for recreational purposes. Accordingly, they have requested that the City Manager and the City Attorney consider issuing a public warning about the potential risks to users of the South Shores area. The TAC has suggested the following language for the warning sign/posting:

Visitors to Mission Bay Park should be aware that the City of San Diego is currently conducting an investigation of an unlined, closed landfill which is located in the southwest corner of Mission Bay between Sea World and I-5.

The City's study is concerned with the size, contents, and movement of hazardous waste materials in the dump. These materials include aerospace chemicals and toxic gasses such as methane and hydrogen sulfide.

At this time the City has issued no health warnings pertaining to the dump area, but citizens who choose to use the area should be aware of the ongoing investigation, and should make an informed decision as to whether or not they swim in the waters beside the dump and/or recreate on the dump land.

For a more detailed map of the dump area and more complete information please contact _____.

Thank you for looking into this request at your earliest convenience.

Cc: Mission Bay Technical Advisory Committee